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Applicant, in substance, argues,

- A) DOHANUE does not teach or suggest forwarding a data packet addressed with both a first IP address and a second IP address.

In response to argument A) Applicant is reminded that claims are given their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the specification without reading any limitations into the claims. As such DOHANUE indeed teaches forwarding a data packets addressed with both a first IP address and a second IP address. The claims as currently recited do not mention whether said address is complaint or whether they have to be same type of address. It just states that they have to be from the network. As such figure 5 of DONAHUE shows a host transmitting request packet routed to a public network. The transmitted packet includes both source IP address and destination IP address coming from the host (subscriber) and is received by the gateway which assigns public IP address and transmits it. Furthermore, as an evidence of the broadness of the claim limitations, the claim states forwarding a data packet addressed with both a first IP address and a second IP address without any mention of where to. This can also be interpreted as an internal communication within a single network. Therefore, Applicant clearly intends to claim broadly and as such Examiner gives the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation. In order to move the prosecution forward, Applicant is

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advised to amend the base claims and include specific and detailed features of their true invention.